

Vice President Kamala Harris on Israel and Antisemitism:

Combating Antisemitism and Hate: Vice President Harris is a strong partner and ally of the Jewish community. She and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff played key roles in developing the first-ever National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism in U.S. history. As Vice President, she also supported increased funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to increase funding to help secure synagogues and Jewish institutions. In the Senate, she introduced and passed a bipartisan resolution to combat rising antisemitism and other hate crimes. Following anti-Israel protests as recently as July 2024, she reiterated: “Antisemitism, hate and violence of any kind have no place in our nation.” In June 2023, speaking at the Israeli Independence Day celebration, Vice President Harris affirmed: “As I frequently have said and as our national strategy on antisemitism makes clear, when Jews are targeted because of their beliefs or identity, and when Israel is singled out because of anti-Jewish hatred, that is antisemitism, and that is unacceptable.”

Supporting the U.S.-Israel Relationship: Throughout her career, Harris has demonstrated – in her own words and actions – an unwavering commitment to “the state of Israel, to its security, and to the people of Israel.” Harris traveled to Israel as a Senator to develop the U.S.-Israel partnership and The Biden-Harris administration has been steadfast in its efforts to support Israel diplomatically and militarily in the aftermath of October 7, tirelessly working for a return of all the hostages held by Hamas. Harris played a critical role in the passage of \$15 billion in emergency aid to Israel, calling congressional leaders to ensure it passed. In June, she convened a White House meeting on conflict-related sexual violence, shining a light on Hamas’s horrific acts of sexual violence on October 7. Harris has met and worked with Israeli leaders, including Prime Ministers Netanyahu and Lapid, President Herzog, and more, to support Israel’s security. Since October 7, Harris has joined more than 20 calls with Netanyahu and six with President Herzog.

[Click here for more on Harris’s record of support for Israel and countering antisemitism.](#)

Governor Tim Walz on Israel and Antisemitism:

Combating Antisemitism and Hate: Walz has a long-standing relationship with his Jewish constituents and is committed to ensuring the safety of the Jewish and Israeli communities at home and abroad. He wrote a masters thesis on improving Holocaust education, defended Jewish students harassed by their peers, advocated for strengthened Holocaust education programs in Minnesota schools, and signed legislation mandating the teaching of the Holocaust. When campus protests broke out, Walz supported Jewish students: “I think when Jewish students are telling us they feel unsafe in that, we need to believe them, and I do believe them.”

Supporting the U.S.-Israel Relationship: Governor Walz has been steadfast in his support of Israel throughout his political career. In Congress, Walz voted to support Israel 100% of the time, but the same cannot be said of JD Vance. Throughout his 12-year career in Congress, Walz voted in favor of Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas, to expand the strategic partnership between Israel and the U.S., to provide aid for Israel’s defense systems, and more. On October 7, he swiftly condemned Hamas’s attack, stating “If you did not find moral clarity on Saturday morning, and you find yourself waiting to think about what you needed to say, you need to reevaluate where you’re at.” He is clear in his belief that “we cannot let terrorists like Hamas win.”

[Click here for more on Gov. Walz’s record](#) and [read about Gov. Walz from Minneapolis Jewish community leaders.](#)

Responding to GOP Attacks:

This election is a choice between Harris/Walz and Trump/Vance. Both sets of candidates should be judged by their records. Since Trump/Vance lose on that criteria, Republicans will try to distract us by changing the subject. Don’t let them. Both sets of candidates have proven, verified records on Israel and antisemitism, and those are the criteria on which we should judge them.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz’s records of supporting Israel and combating antisemitism are stellar. Trump has a long record of antisemitism and Vance, during his short time in the Senate, voted against emergency aid to Israel twice—and not all Republicans joined him.

We don’t have to compromise between supporting Israel and opposing antisemitism and our other values, including democracy, reproductive freedom, gun safety, and climate change. Harris and Walz are better than Trump and Vance on ALL of the issues Jewish Americans care most about.